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ENFORCING THE VAGRANT LAW

A sleepy negro man was in the dock of the Police Court of this city this morning to answer the charge of defying the vagrancy law. He had been arrested last week for idleness, and was released with the assurance that should he fail to obtain employment by twelve o'clock that day he would be arrested and sent to jail for a long term, thus making him eligible for work upon the roads. The darkey failed to carry and obey the order of the court, and was rearrested. His mother was present this morning and plead for him, but her protestations made no impression upon the court, and the mother, claiming that her offspring was but eighteen years old, was told that she must find him employment during the next forty-eight hours, or the accused would be sent to jail for six months, subject to work upon the roads.

It may be suggested that the visits of road guards to the Alexandria jail are few and far between. There were gathered in the Police Court room this morning about a dozen white men, as many negro men and fourteen or fifteen negro women. During these busy times, when laborers are at a premium, it seems that the bulk of this gathering, but few of whom were witnesses, could find profitable employment were they to seek it. So far but few whites have been arraigned under the vagrant act.

Maryland is utilizing jail birds by placing them at work upon the public roads.

The success of our sister state's experiment in thus employing convicts is assured. The system has worked out in other states to the benefit of the convicts as well as to the state's economy. It is a healthful occupation for the prisoners, as it affords them a breath of fresh air and a relief from prison walls. Hard work makes roads makes them stronger and better prisoners and takes the kinks out of the lazy ones. Hard work is a sort of beneficial punishment. A state road in Maryland on which the experiment is being tried, but Governor Harrington has informed the State Road Commission that he desires to see this plan of utilizing convicts extended throughout the state. By putting the prisoners at such work as repairing the roads, the labor heretofore so employed can be kept busy on the farms, where it is so much needed.

The employment of prison labor in road repair work is in line with the general policy of labor conservation. Every man in the rural districts who can do farm work is needed in that line. By putting the hundreds of convicts and prisoners on road work the state will save money and conserve the better class of labor for agricultural development.

THE GERMAN AUTOCRACY.

All the counts in the indictment of the German Government and the German people rest upon the testimony of German witnesses, says the Philadelphia Record. Our opinions of Germany in relation to this war, its inception and its conduct, rest, not upon statements of the French and the British, but upon the statements of Germans, officially and unofficially.

Take, for example, the German autocracy. Our old friend Dr. Dernburg was very eager to prove to us that political institutions in Germany were as free as those of the United States. But the late Professor Muensterberg betrayed the truth when he said early in the war that in the political theory of Americans the Government existed for the benefit of the citizens, while in Germany, the citizen exists for the benefit of the Government.

It was many years ago that Gneist described the German system as "absolutism" under constitutional forms. Only the forms are constitutional; the substance is thoroughly autocratic. The Frankfurter Zeitung

has often expressed intelligent liberal opinions, and in regard to the Poles and other subjects it has dared, in peace, to rebuke the Government sharply.

This Frankfort paper admits that war and peace are not made by the people, or their representatives. But the fact has been demonstrated that the people respond to the call of the Kaiser as soldiers respond to the command of their general. The whole nation is trained to arms and trained to implicit obedience of the Kaiser. The Kaiser precipitated this war for the accomplishment of his Hamburg-to-the-Persian-Gulf scheme, and the obedient people have rushed into it with enthusiasm and adopted it as their war. His attack upon Belgium, France and Russia shows that no nation is safe with the present political and military institutions of Germany. As the whole military power of Germany can be wielded by one man, as the whole military power of Russia used to be wielded by the Czar, it is manifest that democracy cannot be safe until the German autocracy shall be overthrown.

AS TO DESPOTISMS.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch says the food "despotism" which some men say aches them in simple contemplation of its potentialities is what others are standing with outstretched arms waiting to hail and embrace. The food despotism under which the mass of the people of the United States are writhing lacks nothing in efficiency of tyranny though its evils have been minimized for public inspection by the maneuver to make the scheme of excessive prices as some the temporary role of a war emergency. The despotism which men in high places in Washington claim they fear as an autocratic assault upon our established liberties at least has the merit of appearing to be so. It is the common good of all the people, while, as every consumer knows, the despotism which it seeks to uncrown lacks the efficiency to make any claim for social welfare.

With prices double and treble their former figures, the public is confronted with masses of statistics to prove that this consequence is as natural as the running of water down hill. Few men in private life know exactly how much they are overcharged for almost everything that enters into the cost of living, but there is not one who in the light of authoritative reports in recent years has not been convinced that the excess amounts to virtual extortion. This is a form of despotism which is doing more harm to the United States than Prussianism.

CZECHS JOIN RUSSIANS

Three Regiments Deserted, According to Austrian Minister. Amsterdam, June 26.—Three Czech regiments have deserted to the Russians, according to a statement on Saturday to a committee of deputies from Southern Austria by F. von Georgi, Minister of Defense in the retiring Austrian Cabinet, as published in the Lokal Anzeiger and Tagblatt, of Berlin.

Copenhagen, June 26.—The disclosures of the retiring Austrian Minister of Defense, F. von Georgi, before a Reichsrath committee revealed only a part of the anti-Austrian demonstrations of Bohemian troops, who, through long continued conflicts with the Germans for dominance in Bohemia, have felt in a way more closely allied with the Russians than with Teuton-directed Austria.

It is a fact, freely admitted in Austria-Hungary, although the newspapers have never previously been permitted to refer plainly to it, that from the beginning of the war Bohemians deserted en masse at every opportunity. Certain regiments as early as the spring of 1915 had to be disbanded because of their conduct in the face of the enemy. The Royal Bohemian Regiment was permanently disbanded at that time and its colors sent to the arsenal in Vienna.

It was at about this period that the correspondent saw a naive letter from a Bohemian prisoner in Serbia advising his comrades not to desert while in Serbia, as the conditions of residence there were too unpleasant.

REWEDS MAN AFTER 18 YEARS

Virginia Woman, Deserted, Had Married And Had Become Widow. Lancaster, Va., June 26.—A romance, with a happier ending than that of Tennyson's Enoch Arden, has come to light in Northumberland county. About 20 years ago William Sampson, of that county, married and after he and his wife had lived together about two years, in the course of which a daughter was born, the husband disappeared.

For years no member of his family

heard of him. Finally his wife, giving up hopes of ever seeing him again, got a divorce and married a man named Bryant, to whom she bore several children. Bryant died about two years ago. About two weeks ago William Sampson, who had been living in Detroit, Mich., and appeared at his old home, and finding that his former wife was still living and a widow, wrote her and his daughter, asking if they would like to see him. On getting a favorable reply, he hastened to their home, where he was cordially received. As a result of the visit Sampson and his former wife were remarried last week.

SLAVE MARKET EXPOSED

Cruger Investigation Shows 7,000 Girls Are Sold Annually. New York, June 26.—Amazing revelations of the working of a Buenos Ayres white slave ring that requires 7,000 girls every year, were made to Mrs. Grace Humiston, the woman responsible for the finding of Ruth Cruger's body, and Police Inspector Joseph A. Paurot last night.

Louise LaRue, the young woman who declares she leaped from the window of a West Eightieth street apartment house because two detectives working on the Cruger case, attacked her for her disclosure to Mrs. Humiston, furnished the foundation which will lead to a gigantic international white slave plot probe. Senor Jose A. Del Campo, formerly Chilean Consul to Mobile, Ala., last night corroborated and expanded the exposure made by Miss LaRue. He asserted these girls were sold in the white slave market for from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each.

SETS WIFE AFIRE.

Clarence Hill Throws Burning Lamp at His Spouse.

Denton, Md. June 25.—Mrs. Clarence Hill, of Denton, was taken on Sunday to the Eastern hospital suffering with severe burns, inflicted early Sunday morning. It is alleged that her husband returned home after imbibing too freely of gallon-a-month whiskey and attacked her in bed. The room was dark, and, finding difficulty in inflicting the punishment he had in store for her, he went downstairs, lighted a lamp and returned to the attack.

It is said he struck her with the lighted lamp, igniting her clothing. Before the blaze was extinguished she was so badly burned that Dr. D. O. George, who was called, deemed it necessary to send her to the hospital. Hill was lodged in jail by Sheriff Beck.

TAFT MAY BE NAMED.

Said to be Slated for Supreme Exemption Board Chief Justice. Washington, D. C., June 25.—Ex-President William Howard Taft called at the White House yesterday afternoon upon request of the President. It was presumed Taft was to discuss the selective draft exemption regulations. He has been one of the President's principal advisers in this matter which will affect the 10,000,000 men of America who registered for service in the new armies of the republic.

While the White House was silent regarding the personnel of the "supreme court" of the exemption organization which will have the last word in excusing men who claim exemption, it was authoritatively reported today that ex-President Taft will be asked to serve as chief justice of this supreme tribunal.

PROTEST TO MEXICO.

United States Makes Representations Against Tampico Oil Tax.

Washington, June 25.—Firm, but friendly representations to Mexico against new high taxes in the Tampico oil fields and other representations against the so-called "denationalization" of foreign companies, have been made to the Carranza government by the United States government, it was learned yesterday. Great Britain is understood to have seconded the representations against the oil taxes, though whether she took the course of sending a note to Carranza is not known. The taxation representations, entirely friendly in tone, but quite insistent upon a change, seek to lower taxes which many oil men now regard as almost confiscatory.

NEGROES ASSAULT OFFICER

Mob Attacks Deputy Sheriff Hutchins and Rescues Prisoner.

Rockville, Md., June 26.—Placing handcuffs on a young negro he had arrested at a picnic near Norbeck, this county, Deputy Sheriff Lee Hutchinson, of Rockville, was set upon Saturday by a number of negroes and badly beaten. He was struck on the head with a stone and several of the negroes struck him with their fists. One of his assailants used a

club or other instrument and painfully injured one of his arms.

Several white men went to his assistance, but the negroes made it too hot for them that Deputy Hutchinson and his friends were forced to leave the grounds. It was at first thought that Hutchinson's skull had been fractured, but an examination disclosed that the injury was not so serious.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The cases against S. Dabney Crenshaw, IV., of Richmond, the young student who was indicted at the May term of the Albemarle court on January 26, after the larceny of platinum, were called for trial yesterday and continued until the October term. Counsel for the accused stated that specialists who performed an operation on Crenshaw's head some weeks ago to relieve him from the effects of injuries alleged to have been received in a football game while he was a pupil at the Episcopal High School, had made affidavits that his condition would not admit of his undergoing the strain of a trial at this time. The accused was in court with his father and renewed his bail bonds of \$10,000 each for his appearance at the fall term.

Mrs. Maggie Eubank, wife of Charles L. Eubank, collector for a Richmond furniture installment house, committed suicide in a board house at 101 East Franklin street at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning, by cutting her throat with a razor. Her husband was awakened by a gurgling noise and upon investigation found that his wife was in a dying condition with a gaping

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FOR SALE—Lots 291 and 292 Howell Ave., Del Ray, Va., \$350 each. Cash. Box 206 Riverdale, Maryland. 150-3t.

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wound in her throat. Dr. Meade Mann was summoned, but she died soon after he arrived. Mrs. Eubank had been a great sufferer from insomnia and this is supposed to have been the cause of her act.

The business center of Tappahannock was wiped out by fire Saturday night. The loss is estimated at nearly \$50,000.

Notice.

TAKE NOTICE—That the undersigned will, on July 9, 1917, or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard, make application to the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for license to order, purchase or receive ardent spirits for the use of the Alexandria Hospital, and not to be used contrary to the provisions of chapter 146 of the Acts of Assembly of 1916; and to sell such ardent spirits upon prescription to the patients of said Hospital under and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 146 of the Acts of Assembly of 1916. 152-3w C. J. W. SUMMERS.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF WOODMEN OF THE WORLD. Atlanta, Ga., July 10-21, 1917. Account above occasion Southern Railway will have on sale at Washington, D. C., and principal stations in Virginia, reduced round trip fare excursion tickets to Atlanta, Ga., July 7th, 8th and 9th, 1917, bearing final return limit of July 25th. Consult Agents for details or write R. H. DeButts, D. P. A., Southern Railway, Washington, D. C. 151-11t.

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FOR RENT.

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